



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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At its meeting held September 18, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to approve and authorize the Director of Health Services to amend 20 Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Program Health Care Services agreements with partners participating in the Diabetes Care Management Pilot Project to: 1) extend the term of the project for an additional two months, effective October 31, 2007 through December 31, 2008, to allow the necessary time for participants to meet their respective benchmarks, at no additional cost; and 2) increase the maximum obligation to include financial support for the evaluation of outcomes of the Pilot Project through December 31, 2008, in amount of \$15,000; also authorize the Director of Health Services to amend 51 PPP Program Health Care Services agreements with partners that provide primary, dental, and specialty care services, to extend the term for an additional six months, effective October 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008, under the same rates and terms, in amount of \$26,985,348, pending completion of the competitive bid process (Department of Health Services); also Supervisors Molina and Yaroslavsky's recommendation to direct the Director of Health Services to amend the existing Public-Private Partnership (PPP) provider agreements to extend the terms through the end of the current fiscal year to provide patient care and organizational stability; also instruct the Chief Executive Officer to convene a six-member allocation formula working group to resolve outstanding issues with the County's PPP providers, comprised of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Health and Mental Health Services Cluster who will serve as Chair; the Department of Health Services' Director of Planning and Analysis and the Interim Director of Ambulatory Care; and three representatives of the California Community Clinics Association of Los Angeles, whose membership is comprised of PPP providers; and provide a written progress report to the Board within 90 days.

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Molina and Yaroslavsky:

“The Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Program is a collaboration between the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) and community-based clinics, to deliver primary health care services for the uninsured and underinsured. The PPP Program, which emerged after the County’s 1995 fiscal crisis, has existed for over a decade, and has become a cornerstone of the County’s safety net system in delivering primary, dental and specialty care services. Over the last 8 years, the Program has served 1.7 million people in the County and provided over 5.5 million medical visits.

“Although the 1115 Waiver ended in June 2005, the Board of Supervisors and DHS have committed to continue funding the PPP program. To this end, in May 2005 this Board approved PPP extension agreements for one year pending the issuance of a new RFP for services which would include a revised and updated allocation formula. Since that time, this Board has reviewed and approved three separate extensions with a fourth extension pending before this Board today. Clearly, the Department needs this Board’s support and direction to move this process forward, resolve outstanding issues with our PPP providers, and award the new PPP contracts as expeditiously as possible.”

Dr. Bruce A. Chernof, Director of Health Services, and Sharon Grigsby, Chief Network Officer, Department of Health Services, responded to questions posed by the Board.

Abbe Land, representing the Los Angeles Free Clinic, Alicia Mardini, representing the East Valley Health Center, Carl Coan, representing the Eisner Pediatric and Family Medical Center, Gloria Rodriguez, representing the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County, Therese A. Hughes, representing the Venice Family Clinic, and Jim Mangia, representing St. John’s Well Child and Family Center, also addressed the Board.

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After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Chief Executive Officer's attached recommendation was adopted as amended to:

1. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Health Services to amend the 51 existing Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Health Care Services provider agreements, with partners that provide primary, dental, and specialty care services, to extend the terms through the end of the current Fiscal Year, June 30, 2008, to provide patient care and organizational stability;
2. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to convene a five-member allocation formula working group comprised of the following participants: the Deputy Chief Executive Officer from the Health and Mental Health Cluster who will serve as Chair; Director of Planning and Analysis from the Department of Health Services; the Interim Director of Ambulatory Care; and two representatives of the Community Clinics Association of Los Angeles County, who are neither current, nor potential future, PPP providers;
3. Request the working group to provide recommendations to the Board on an equitable, Countywide funding allocation methodology that will best meet the health care needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of Los Angeles County; and
4. Instruct the Director of Health Services to provide a written progress report to the Board within 90 days.

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Attachment

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Each Supervisor
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Director of Health Services